

## UTILITIES DIVISION[199]

### Notice of Intended Action

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.4, 476.1, and 476.2, the Utilities Board (Board) gives notice that on November 18, 2009, the Board issued an order in Docket No. RMU-2009-0011, In re: Rescission of Outage Notification Requirements for Telecommunications Providers [199 IAC 22.2(8)], “Order Commencing Rule Making.”

The Board is proposing to rescind the service outage notification requirements for telecommunications providers based upon its experience with the current requirements, which do not provide the early notification of significant outages that the Board considers necessary. The current requirements mirror the requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and these FCC requirements have not provided the Board with the early notification of significant telecommunications outages that is necessary to help coordinate emergency responders and other governmental agencies during an emergency. The order containing the background and support for this rule making can be found on the Board’s Web site, [www.state.ia.us/iub](http://www.state.ia.us/iub).

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“a” and “b,” any interested person may file a written statement of position pertaining to the proposed amendment. The statement must be filed on or before January 5, 2010. The statement should be filed electronically through the Board’s Electronic Filing System (EFS). Instructions for making an electronic filing can be found on the EFS Web site at <http://efs.iowa.gov>. Any person who does not have access to the Internet may file comments on paper pursuant to 199 IAC 14.4(5). An original and ten copies of paper comments shall be filed. Both electronic and written filings shall comply with the format requirements in 199 IAC 2.2(2) and clearly state the author’s name and address and make specific reference to this docket. All paper communications should be directed to the Executive Secretary, Utilities Board, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069.

No oral presentation is scheduled at this time. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation may be requested or the Board on its own motion, after reviewing the comments, may determine that an oral presentation should be scheduled.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.4, 476.2, 476.1A, and 476.1B. The following amendment is proposed.

Rescind and reserve subrule **22.2(8)**.